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1. Between 9:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on 28 September 1953, a single-engine aircraft made low-level flights over Alt Loennewitz airfield. Shortly before noon, swept-back jet fighters crossed over the field. At 3:55 p.m. on 29 September, a formation of single-engine aircraft was observed aloft. There was a closed ceiling. On the morning and afternoon of 30 September, formation flights were made by single-engine aircraft and twin-engine aircraft respectively. On 1 October, a formation of 22 twin-engine aircraft crossed over the field heading northwest.

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2. The following observations were made at the field between 2 and 12 October:
- 2 October. After 7 p.m., there was intensive night flying by individual Li-2s of which 3 or 4 aircraft were aloft at the same time.
- 3 October. Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., local flights were made by some Li-2s. The visibility was good.
- 4 October. No air activity was observed.
- 5 October. There was no air activity up to 3 p.m. The ceiling was overcast at an altitude of 600 meters. At about 3:15 p.m., 21 Li-2s took off and assembled in a formation of three wedges, each wedge consisting of seven aircraft. The formation practiced flying over the airfield and its surroundings and landed at about 5 p.m.
- 6 October. At about 5 p.m., three Li-2s circled once over the field. No more air activity was observed. The cloud layer was low and there were heavy rain showers.
- 7 October. Between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., local individual flights were made by Li-2s of which 3 or 4 aircraft were simultaneously aloft. [REDACTED] were identified. There was a closed ceiling at an altitude of 800 meters.
- 8 October. Local individual flying was practiced by Li-2s. Between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., a formation of five Il-10s was observed aloft.
- 9 October. At 6:30 p.m., night flying was started by Li-2s which flew individually.

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10 October. No air activity was observed in cloudless weather.

11 October. No flights were made. At 1 p.m., 26 Li-2s and 12 Il-10s were parked at the field. All hangars were closed.

12 October. No air activity was observed up to 11 a.m. <sup>1</sup>

- 25X1 3. [ ] a portion of the ground attack unit was transferred. During the period from 2 to 12 October, only five Il-10s were observed aloft on 8 October. At about 7 p.m. on 9 October, three trucks partially loaded with billeting equipment left the airfield proceeding toward Torgau. On 11 October, 25X1 [ ] the guard bunkers were vacant and the radio installations in the approach lane had been removed. No rail shipments were observed in early October. <sup>2</sup>
4. On 11 October, three gun barrels were observed in the AA gun emplacement on the southern edge of the field. Five trucks were parked near the draw well. [ ] 25X1B [ ] <sup>3</sup>
- 25X1A 1. [ ] Comment. Alt Loennowitz airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment and a transport regiment.
- 25X1A 2. [ ] Comment. Elements of the ground attack regiment participated in an exercise held by the Eighth Gds Army in Thuringia. For this reason, the aircraft temporarily transferred to Schkeuditz airfield where the radio installations were erected. The trucks which were observed proceeding toward Torgau on 9 October probably also went to Schkeuditz airfield.
- 25X1A 3. [ ] Comment. The AA gun emplacement with 37-mm guns was reported previously.

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